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Prepared By:   Bia Marsellos (BM)   Mia Marin (MBM)		If you require further analysis of these or any other agenda items, please contact Guillermo Cuadra, Esq., Chief Legislative Analyst, at (305) 375-5469.		
2(A)	Community Housing Strategies Alliance (CAHSA)  <b>Commissioner Barbara Jordan and Commissioner Dorrin Rolle</b>	This resolution appoints the Overall Tenant Advisory Council, Inc. (OTAC) and Metro-Miami Action Plan Trust (MMAP) as members of CAHSA.  Additionally, it amends Resolution 558-06 to include households whose income is up to 140% of the area median income (AMI) in the data gathering process. Previously, it applied only to households earning up to 100% of the AMI.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CAHSA was created on May 9, 2006 by Resolution 558-06 with various community representatives and government officials.</li> <li>CAHSA Task deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preliminary Report: 10/31/06</li> <li>Miami-Dade Housing Summit: TBA</li> <li>Consideration of CAHSA recommendations by BCC: November-December 2006</li> <li>Final Report: 4/30/07</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	BM
2(B)	Jay Malina International Trade Consortium (ITC)  <b>Commissioner Natacha Seijas</b>	This resolution directs the County manager to establish the ITC Trust Fund independent of the County Budget.  Additionally, it waives the County's formal bid and purchasing procedures found in AO-3-38. However, prior approval of the Executive Committee of the ITC Board of Directors is needed for any expenditure over \$5,000 and any expenditure over \$10,000 shall also require three (3) quotes, if practical.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ITC Trust fund shall be funded with \$110,628 transferred from the Trade Mission of the Americas, Inc. (TMC) upon the recommendation of the Audit and Management Services Department recent audit findings.</li> <li>These funds were the balance of unused County funds of the FY 1999-00 contract to the TMC.</li> </ul>	BM
3(A)	Village of Key Biscayne Fire Rescue Department Rate Increase Request	Under the New Medicare Ambulance Fee Schedule, ambulance/emergency medical services providers are paid a pre-established fee for each of the services provided.  The Fee Schedule was implemented on April 1, 2002 and was phased in over a five-year period which ended in April 2006.  The categories established under the Medicare Ambulance Fee	Will the increase in these fees be passed on to the consumer? <b><i>Beyond Medicare and Medicaid coverage the potential out of pocket for Basic Life Support (BLF) is \$63 and \$74 for Advanced Life Support. Additionally, the Consumer Services Department maintains there is a high rate (50% or more) of unpaid of Ambulance Fees not covered by Medicare/Medicaid.</i></b>  What is the percentage of ambulance transport involving	MBM

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		<p>Schedule for various levels of service are: <u>Advance Life Support 1</u>, <u>Advanced Life Support 2</u>; and <u>Basic Life Support</u>.</p> <p><i>In June 20, 2006, the BCC approved for Basic Life Support rate increase of 11.34% increase (consistent with Consumer Price Index).</i></p> <p><i>Additionally, the BCC has approved requests by City of Miami, Miami Beach and Miami-Dade to increase emergency medical services rate schedule (2003).</i></p> <p>The rates being proposed by Key Biscayne are commensurate to rates around Florida and the Nation according to the fee survey provided in the Manager's memo.</p> <p>Projected revenue for Key Biscayne, if this passes, would be \$288,000 taking into account 400 transports per year.</p>	<p>Medicare patients versus non Medicare/Medicaid patients?</p> <p>Will this adversely affect non Medicare/Medicaid patients?</p>	
3(B)	Transfer of Passenger Motor Carrier Certificate	This resolution would transfer the Passenger Motor Carrier (PMC) Certificate of Transportation No. 099 from Florida Transportation, Inc to Florida Transportation Tour & Crew Services, Inc.	Total price for PMC certificate and 1997 Ford Van is \$10,000.	MBM
3(C) -- 3(G)	American Green Cross applications for combination wheelchair and stretcher vehicles	<p>The County Code providing for the regulation of non-emergency medical transportation requires that each vehicle be require a certificate of Public Convenience.</p> <p>Each Certificate must be approved by the Board of County Commissioner.</p> <p>The Board may issue or refuse to issue a certificate, or approve with modifications or conditions.</p> <p>The proposed rates are as follows: \$35 one-way, \$70 round-trip for</p>	<p>Currently, there 138 certificates of Public Convenience issued in Miami-Dade.</p> <p>The American Green Cross is a new company and has only requested 10 certificates of which 5 have already be approved.</p>	MBM

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		(wheelchair) and \$50 one-way and \$100 round-trip (stretcher).		
3(H)	Transfer of Passenger Motor Carrier Certificate	This resolution would transfer the Passenger Motor Carrier (PMC) Certificate of Transportation No. 281 from Apex Limousine, Inc to Koby Transpotours, Inc.	The sales agreement between Apex and Koby for PMC certificate for a total price of \$30,000.	MBM
4(A)	MOU and Lease Agreement between Miami-Dade County and the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) and Weed and Seed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>District 2</b></li> </ul> <p>This resolution authorizes the County Manager to execute an MOU with the USAO and Weed and Seed for the Public Housing Safety Initiative Project Liberty to be operated from the Liberty Square Public Housing Site. Project Liberty is a grant funded program sponsored by USAO.</p> <p>The County would lease the Computer Room in the separate building, an office area in the Community Center Building and access to the Community Center meeting rooms at Liberty Square for use by Weed and Seed, for a period of five (5) years.</p> <p>Presently, Project Liberty total funding is \$600,000 funded entirely by the USAO. There is no fiscal impact to the County.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miami/Miami-Dade Weed &amp; Seed, Inc. is a collaborative effort between the United States Department of Justice, the State of Florida, Miami-Dade County and the City of Miami.</li> <li>Weed &amp; Seed is a non-profit community based organization that works to improve the quality of life for residents in Liberty City and Little Haiti and to deter criminal activity. Also, they focus on education for environmental and health related issues.</li> </ul>	BM
4(B)	Miami-Dade Housing Agency's (MDHA) Section 8 Administrative Plan	<p>This resolution amends Resolution 812-06 by allowing the submittal of the Administrative Plan without prior US HUD approval and ratifies the County Manager's immediate implementation of the Administrative Plan. Having US HUD approval will delay the implementation of the Administrative Plan.</p> <p>Additionally, the Administrative Plan addresses the US HUD Office of Inspector General inspections audit.</p>	Following the approval of R812-06 on July 6, 2006, staff was notified that US HUD final approval of the Section 8 Administrative Plan was not a requirement.	BM
4(C)	Application to United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (US	This resolution authorizes retroactive approval of an application for emergency funding to US HUD and authorizes the County Manager to execute documents necessary with US HUD and FEMA on behalf of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MDHA submitted an emergency funding application to US HUD for \$8,464,481 and the application was approved on</li> </ul>	BM

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	HUD) for Emergency Funding	<p>Miami-Dade County.</p> <p>In March 2006 MDHA was notified by US HUD and FEMA that an emergency funding application was available to public housing agencies that sustained damage by Hurricane Wilma.</p> <p>As a result of Hurricane Wilma, damages to Miami-Dade County's public housing developments sustained damages in excess of \$14,000,000. The difference between the total and the insurance payment is approximately \$8,464,481.</p>	<p>July 11, 2006 for the full amount.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is anticipated that all repairs to the public housing developments will be completed by the end of calendar year 2007.</li> </ul>	
4(D)	North Miami Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Line of Credit, Budget Amendment and Interlocal agreement amendment	<p><u>Line of Credit:</u> request to obtain a ten-year line of credit (LOC) not to exceed \$10,758,300 for community development to Ruck's Park Affordable Housing. CRA proposes to draw down only \$300,000 in the first year.</p> <p><u>Budget Amendment:</u> FY05-06 Adopted Budget of \$4,265,325 has been amended and reduced to \$3,015,325 (<b>29% reduction</b>). The budget amendment also permits a draw down of \$300,000 from the LOC.</p> <p><u>Interlocal Agreement:</u> The agreement needs to be amended to coincide with the line of credit (having a 10 year maturity). Therefore, the amendment provides the sunseting of the Plan and the CRA powers to be extended from 5 to 10 years.</p>	<p>Even though Administrative expenses went down 29% in the first year, <b>salary and fringes increased by 57% (From \$96,000 to \$223,740).</b></p> <p>The CRA Board and City Council have both approved resolution for CRA to enter into the LOC and approve CRA budget.</p> <p>The County's Tax Increment and Financing Committee (which approves CRA long term financing) has unanimously approved the LOC and FY05-06 CRA budget.</p>	MBM
4(E)	Criminal History Record Check User Agreement for Non-Criminal Justice Purposes (User Agreement) between Miami-Dade	<p>This resolution authorizes the execution of the User Agreement between Miami-Dade County and FDLE.</p> <p>FDLE requires all seaports conducting fingerprint background checks and accessing information from the Florida Crime Information Center</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The annual renewal fee for the AFRNP is \$6.00 per applicant in years 2, 3, 4 &amp; 5. At the end of the 5-year cycle the process begins again with an initial application fee of \$47.00.</li> <li>The Seaport currently charges \$23.00 for the annual renewal fee.</li> </ul>	BM

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	County and Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)	<p>(FCIC) to execute an agreement.</p> <p>This agreement was initially executed on February 12, 2002 and approved by the BCC in R-141-02. Subsequently, in April 2006, the FDLE notified the Seaport that effective May 1, 2006 the FCIC system was upgraded and the Seaport was able to participate in the Applicant Fingerprint Retention and Notification Program (AFRNP). This enables the fingerprints to be stored for five (5) years.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>However, the Seaport will continue to charge \$23.00 instead of \$6.00 and use the remaining \$17.00 per applicant per year will be used by the Seaport for equipment upgrades and administrative costs associated with implementing AFRNP.</li> </ul>	
4(F)	Cruise Terminal Agreement between Miami-Dade County and Crystal Cruises, Inc.	<p>This resolution approves a Cruise Terminal Agreement for two years between Miami-Dade County and Crystal Cruises, Inc.</p> <p>Crystal Cruises shall pay the County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$14.56 per passenger for wharfage</li> <li>\$0.191 for dockage per gross registered ton per call</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This agreement is expected to generate over \$350,000 annually of additional revenue to the seaport.</li> </ul>	BM

